

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (a) Yes.

(b) An estimate for the work has been sanctioned and it is awaiting execution for want of funds.

Prevalence of Leprosy.

11. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) how many persons in how many families in Varikolil and its neighbourhood in the Kunnathnad taluk have become lepers; and

(b) what they have done to prevent the spread of leprosy ?

Vaidya Sastra Kusala Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose :

(a) Definite information on the point is not available.

(b) A leper colony has been established at Noornad for the isolation and treatment of lepers. There are also two grant-in-aid institutions at Alleppey and Colachel where lepers are treated. Leprosy treatment centres have been opened in areas where leprosy is very prevalent. Some of the municipalities are also conducting leprosy clinics within their respective areas. The Salvation Army has also opened an asylum at Chemmanad to accommodate and treat leper patients.

***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** കുന്നത്തുനാടുതാലൂക്കിൽ മറ്റു സ്ഥലങ്ങളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു കൂടുതൽ ക്യാമ്പുകൾ ഉണ്ടാകട്ടെ. അവയുടെ ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് വരുത്തുവാൻ ഭയപ്പെടുകയോ?

Vaidya Sastra Kusala Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose : ഒരു ലെപ്പറസി സർവ്വെ നടത്താൻ ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിലേക്ക് ഒരു സ്പെഷ്യലാഫീസർ താമസിയാതെ ഇവിടെവരും. അദ്ദേഹം വന്നുകഴിഞ്ഞയുടനെ ഒരു മീറ്റിംഗുകൂടി ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether any leprosy survey was made at all by Government ?

Vaidya Sastra Kusala Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose : Yes Sir, it was made about five or six years ago.

Unjustifiable act of the medical officer in charge of the dispensary at Todupuzha.

12. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether a complainant in a criminal case, who was unjustifiably discharged from the Todupuzha dispensary was treated in the Muvattupuzha Hospital as per the letter of the Inspector of Police, Todupuzha ;

(b) whether he had been refused treatment in the Todupuzha dispensary ;